



Mapping Food Matters

Vancouver Food Asset Map and How It Benefits Community Food Security

with focus on Kitchen Programs + Food Skills Workshops

UBC LFS 350 Group 9



VANCOUVER FOOD ASSET MAP

A tool to link community members to local food assets [1]

Core Requirements:

Informative Current Easy-to-Use

September

October

November



Literature research on Vancouver food security and food asset mapping



Contact food assets (kitchen and food skills programs), update map information



Visit Grandview-Woodland community, trial the map, and get feedbacks



FOOD INSECURITY : Compromised access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food [2]

VANCOUVER

GRANDVIEW-WOODLAND

FOOD INSECURITY



1 in 10 households [3]

HUNGER & HEALTH



19% decrease in general health [3]

VULNERABLE POPULATION



Low-income, aboriginal, single parent [4]

GENTRIFICATION



Increase of living & food expense [5]



OUR FINDINGS

UPDATE MAP INFO

- Originally **26** kitchen programs
- 1** update
- 13** programs added
- 50%** increase of kitchen programs and assets

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Easy to Use?



Instruction Clear?



Easy to Understand?



Future Use?



COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS

- No internet; Paper copy preferred
- More details; Be location specific
- Improve on web visual; Title, icon, font, pop-up etc.
- Vocabulary definitions; Provide glossary alongside.



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- ♥ Vancouver Food Asset Map is helpful and beneficial to address food insecurity
- ♥ Timely update of map information is needed
- ♥ Future efforts can be made to simplify the map usage and make it more accessible for community members



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